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1. While the Office of Scientific-Technical Cooperation (Bureau fuer

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State Planning Commission, Soviet Bloc countries for scientific-technical cooperation which are trans-
mitted by the Ministries or other central organizations, there are
requests on a few topics which are not processed and therefore not
forwarded to the countries involved. As a rule, requests of this kind
do not even reach the WTZ but are "killed" in the Ministries or other
central organizations. The topics in question are obviously those which
are considered "hot", which usually means that they fall under the
provisions of the Control Council law forbidding certain kinds of
research and development in Germany. One of these is the application
of atomic energy research. With the following exception, no request
involving this field has ever reached the WTZ. Among the 1955 requests
for scientific-technical cooperation with the USSR forwarded to the
WTZ in November 1954, there was one which seemed to have slipped past
the attention of the Ministry involved. The request originated with
an unidentified East German industrial enterprise and aimed at obtain-
ing from the USSR all information on the application of atomic science
for use in industrial power plants. This request was not processed by
the WTZ and, of course, was not forwarded to the Soviet Trade Delegation.
The originating enterprise was sent a short note by the WTZ to the
effect that the request could not be processed on the grounds that
Soviet experimentation in the field of atomic energy had not yet been completed
nor reached the point where the information could be obtained.

2. It should be added, however, that some requests pertaining to pure
atomic research were processed by the WTZ, although formal
requests would also fall under the ban established by the
Council law. For instance, among the 1955 requests for scientific-
technical cooperation with Czechoslovakia, there is one which asks
permission for an East German team of research workers to continue

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by Czechoslovakia in the same way as it was approved for 1954.

3. It is well known to the personnel of the WTZ that there is an urgent need for scientific-technical cooperation with the USSR in all matters concerning radar development, since the USSR is known to be considerably more advanced in this field than East Germany. However, no request pertaining to radar information has ever been received by the WTZ from the East German enterprises and research teams engaged in radar development. The reason is that these enterprises and teams have been informed by their Ministries or central organizations (Academy of Sciences) that such requests would not be processed by the WTZ.

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1. Within the Office for Scientific-Technical Cooperation (Bureau fuer Wissenschaftlich-Technische Zusammenarbeit - WTZ), of the East German State Planning Commission, usually processes all requests to Soviet Bloc countries for scientific-technical cooperation which are transmitted by the Ministries or other central organizations, there are requests on a few topics which are not processed and therefore not forwarded to the countries involved. As a rule, requests of this kind do not even reach the WTZ but are "killed" in the Ministries or other central organizations. The topics in question are obviously those which are considered "hot", which usually means that they fall under the provisions of the Control Council law forbidding certain kinds of research and development in Germany. One of these is the application of atomic energy research. With the following exception, no request involving this field has ever reached the WTZ. Among the 1955 requests for scientific-technical cooperation with the USSR forwarded to the WTZ in November 1954, there was one which seemed to have slipped past the attention of the Ministry involved. The request originated with an unidentified East German industrial enterprise and aimed at obtaining from the USSR all information on the application of atomic science for use in industrial power plants. This request was not processed by the WTZ and, of course, was not forwarded to the Soviet Trade Delegation. The originating enterprise was sent a short notice by the WTZ to the effect that the request could not be fulfilled on the grounds that Soviet experimentation in the matter had not yet been completed nor reached the point where the required information could be obtained.

It should be added, however, that some requests pertaining to pure atomic research were processed by the WTZ, although formally such requests would also fall under the ban established by the Control Council law. For instance, among the 1955 requests for scientific-technical cooperation with Czechoslovakia, there is one which asks permission for an East German team of research workers to continue cosmic radiation research begun in 1954 on the top of a 2,400-meter mountain in the High Tatra range, Czechoslovakia. The request originated with an unidentified institute of the East German Academy of Sciences. The WTZ processed this request and it is expected that it will be approved

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3. It is well known to the personnel of the WTZ that there is an urgent need for scientific-technical cooperation with the USSR in all matters concerning radar development, since the USSR is known to be considerably more advanced in this field than East Germany. However, no request pertaining to such information has ever been received by the WTZ from the Soviet Union. The USSR and research teams engaged in radar development have been in contact with the German Democratic Republic Academy of Sciences.

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